ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

CONCORD CHURCH, TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA.,

October 19, 20 and 21, 1894.

OFFICERS:

ELD. J. S. BAXLEY, - - - - - - - - - Moderator.
ELD. H. J REDD, - - - - - - - - - - Clerk.

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MINUTES.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. S. F. Phillips, of the Upatoie Association of Georgia, from 2nd Timothy, iv. 2: "Preach the word," etc.

2nd. The Hymn: "How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds," was sang by the brethren and congregation, and prayer was offered by Eld. S. W. Pruet, of the Hillabee Association, of Alabama.

3rd. Letters from the churches composing the Olive Association were called for and read and messengers names enrolled, and the status of the churches noted.

4th. On motion of Eld. B. H. Pierson the present incumbents were elected by acclamation to serve as Moderator and Clerk, viz: Eld. J. S. Baxley, Moderator, and Eld. H. J. Redd, Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren from sister Associations to seats.

6th. Agreed to adopt the same order of business as of last year.

7th. Appointed the following Committees:

To Arrange Preaching—B. H. Pierson, J. W. Foster and R. A. Thompson, together with the messengers of Concord Church, viz: J. W. Galloway, J. T. Penington and A. S. Henderson.

To Write Corresponding Letter—J. T. Clayton.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—J. T. Wilkerson, Uriah Porter and J. J. S. P. Allen.

8th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received:

From the Beulah—Brethren J. B. F. Lindsey, T. J. Prather, G. W.

Jarrold, M. W. Williams, J. H. Sanders, J. B. Sanders and Eld. A. S. Sellers.

From the Upatoie—Eld. S. F. Phillips and Bro. W. D. Moran, with minutes.

From the Wetumpka—Eld. R. B. Smith, and Brethren T. J. Mann and J. P. Sims, with minutes.

From the Hillabee—Eld. S. W. Pruet and Brethren J. T. Crenshaw, T. C. Hornsby, J. B. Carlisle, W. S. Rhodes, W. A. J. Ingram, K. L. Foshee, W. F. Foshee and W. J. Gamble.

From the Yellow River—Minutes.

From New Hope—No Intelligence.

From the Oconee—Minutes.

From the Echaconnee—Minutes.

From the Conecuh River—Bro. W. P. Burks with Corresponding Letter

From the Primitive Western—Minutes.

From the Ocmulgee—Minutes.

The corresponding messengers present were received and recognized by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to them.

9th. On motion of Eld. B. H. Pierson, suspended the regular order of business and gave an opportunity for Associations wishing to open correspondence with us, or Churches wishing to become members with us. None applied.

10th. Arranged Union meetings as follows:

Second District, First Choice—To convene with Bethlehem Church, at Notasulga, Ala., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1895. To continue three days.

First District, Second Choice—To convene with Hephziba Church, 9 miles east of Opelika, Ala., on Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1895. To continue three days.

11th. Preaching Committee announced Eld. R. B. Smith to preach this afternoon, followed by Eld. E. S. Sellers from the Beulah Association; Eld. S. W. Pruet, of the Hilabee Association, to preach at 10 A. M. to-morrow, followed by Eld. H. J. Redd, of this body.

12th. The Association then adjourned to meet for business again at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

October 20th.

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing the Hymn:

"Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy Sovereign will denies,"

Prayer was offered by Eld. E. C. Thrash, of the Primitive Western Association.

2nd. Called the roll and marked absentees.

3rd. Renewed the invitation to correspondents from sister Associations and received:

From the Beulah—D. Briskey, G. A. Weldon, D. H. B. Abernathy, L. M. Roberts, J. H. Weaver.

From the Primitive Western—Elders E. C. Thrash and J. D. Oneal.

4th. Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes. Reported: "We find nothing claiming the attention of the body." Report received and committee discharged.

5th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

To the Beulah—To convene with Mt. Carmel Church, ten miles north of Roanoke, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1895. J. T. Clayton, R. A. Thompson, J. H. Folks and H. J. Redd.

To the Upatoie—B. H. Pierson, J. S. Baxley and H. J. Redd. Convenes with Bethel Church, near Butler, Ga., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1895.

To the Conecuh River—B. H. Pierson, C. P. D. Taylor, H. J. Redd and J. S. Baxley. Convenes with Pisgah Church, Montgomery county, Ala., on Friday before the last Sunday in August, 1895.

To the Ocmulgee—Send Minutes.

To the Oconee—Send Minutes.

To the Hillabee—To convene with Mt. Zion Church, 6 miles southwest of Ashland, Clay county, Ala., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1895. J. T. Clayton, J. G. Ware, J. W. Foster.

To the Wetumpka—To convene with Bethel Church, at Brooksville, Coosa county, Ala., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1895. B. H. Pierson, J. T. Clayton, J. H. Johnson.

To the Harmony—Send Minutes.

To the Yellow River—Send Minutes.

To the Echaconnee—J. S. Baxley. Convenes with High Shoals Church, Monroe county, Ga., Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1895.

To the New Hope—Send Minutes.

To the Primitive Western—Convenes with County Line Church, 4 miles east of Milner, on the Central Railroad of Georgia, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1895. B. H. Pierson, J. S. Baxley, R. A. Thompson, H. J. Redd and J. G. Ware.

6th. Called for the reading of the Corresponding Letter, which was read, received and ordered to be spread upon these minutes.

7th. Received contributions from the churches amounting to $14.80; also an additional sum of $1.35 from brethren present. Distributed corresponding minutes, and agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual way; the Clerk to superintend the same and to have remaining funds, if any, for his services.

8th. Agreed that the next session of this body convene with Mt. Gilead Church, 4 miles south of Motts' Mill, on the Columbus and Western Railroad, between Columbus, Ga., and Opelika, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1895.

9th. Instructed the Clerk to tender a note of thanks to the brethren and friends of this neighborhood for their unstinted hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

10th. On motion heard the reading of the minutes, which were adopted, and then adjourned for final adjournment at the stand on Sunday.

J. S. BAXLEY, Moderator.

H. J. REDD, Clerk.

The following brethren preached in the order of their names, from day to day, during the session of the Association:

Introductory, Friday A. M.—By Elder S. F. Phillips, of the Upatoie Association.

Friday P. M.—Eld. R. B. Smith, followed by Eld. A. S. Sellers.

Saturday A. M.—Eld. S. W. Pruet, followed by Eld. H. J. Redd.

Saturday P. M.—Bro. W. P. Burks, followed by Eld. B. H. Pierson.

Sunday A. M.—Eld. E. C. Thrash preached, followed by Eld. J. D. Oneal and closed by Eld. J. S. Baxley.

Thus ended the Twelfth Session of the Olive Primitive Baptist Association. Large congregations were present each day. Most of the preaching was able and instructive.

CLERK.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Olive Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with Concord Church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—Through the goodness of our God we have again been permitted to meet together in an Associational capacity, and to transact our business in peace and harmony, for which we feel thankful to our God.

We joyfully received your Christian Correspondence. Our churches are all represented, except two. They report some prosperity, for which we feel thankful to the Giver of all good.

Your Ministers came among us laden with the truth of the Gospel, as it is in Christ Jesus.

The next session of our body will be held with Mt. Gillead Church, Lee county, Ala., 12 miles west of Columbus, Ga., and 4 miles south of Mott's Mill, on the Columbus and Western Railroad, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1895, when and where we hope to meet a goodly number of your correspondents again. Till then, farewell.

J. S. BAXLEY, Moderator.

H. J. REDD, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	POST OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Meeting Days	Contributions
1st District												
Bethel	Lee	L. B. Porter	Phenix City	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	$.....
Hephziba	Lee	B. H. Pierson.	Opelika	H. J. Redd, R. A. Thompson, J. J. S. P. Allen	..	..	..	..	1	35	1	2 00
Mt. Olive	Lee	W. M. Mitchell.	Opelika	C. P. D. Taylor	9	1	2	..	4	95	4	2 50
Mt. Gillead	Lee	J. T. Clayton	Mott's	J. T. Clayton, J. W. Foster, J. H. Folks	2	1	..	..	1	25	3	1 50
Union	Russell.	.....	Uhland	Uriah Porter	..	..	1	1	3	24	2	1 25
2d District												
Bethlehem	Macon	W. Lively	Notasulga	J. S. Baxley, J. T. Wilkerson	1	..	1	..	1	43	2	2 50
Concord	Tallapoosa	B. H. Pierson	Dadeville	W. J. Galloway, J. T. Pennington, A. S. Henderson	4	..	2	..	2	35	3	1 55
Shiloh	Tallapoosa	A. S. Sellers	Thornton	W. W. Crosley	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	50
Sharon	Tallapoosa	B. H. Pierson	Thaddeus	J. E. Kendriek, T. H. Johnson, H. C. Hubbard	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1 50
Mt. Zion	Tallapoosa	W. Lively	Camp Hill	B. H. Pierson	4	3	2	..	2	24	4	1 50
Canaan	Tallapoosa	.....	Waverly	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....
				Total	20	5	8	1	14	305		$14 80

Additional Contributions ..... $ 1 35

Total Contributions 16 15